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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116,
98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

My phone service is very important to us from a safety stand point. I spend a lot of time on the road alone locally and as a woman the ability to call home at any given time is very important to me and my husband.

We can not afford costly monthly fees most companies require and most companies do not cover our main home area in Ravenna, OH and the area where we are building a retirement home in southern Ohio. TracFone meets a real need for us in this respect.

While it is good that I can call home during the week if a problem arises, it is even more important to have a wireless phone when we are in southern Ohio as we have no electricity, no phone lines, no running water and are using equipment to clear land. We are located in the middle of no man's land, our wireless phone is our only connection to the outside world and could make the difference between life and death should an accident happen.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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